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Today will be a busy one along the front, especially at the Inter-Island and Wilder wharves. The Kaula and Nihau will load and depart, and as there is a big cargo for each of them the wharf will be a busy place.

Out of the darkness of the past two or three days the steamer men at last see a ray of sunshine. Yesterday the crews of the Nihau, Kaula and W. G. Hall were inoculated with the prophylactic and when their seven days' probation is up they will be allowed ashore when their vessels arrive here again. They will be compelled to leave their ship clothes in a specially constructed room on the wharf; from this room they will go to another and put on another suit of clothes, which they will wear while on shore. In going back they will first deposit their street clothes in lockers, then bathe and put on their ship clothes, which will have been fumigated, and go aboard. The action of the health authorities in giving the men this treatment has made them feel very happy, now that they know there is immediate hope of getting shore liberty. Dr. Peterson spent nearly all day yesterday "shootin'" the men; taking the preventive was optional with them, but with one or two exceptions they all bared their arms to the needle. The threatened tie-up of the steamers is now averted and the men are anxiously waiting for the seventh day. As the steamers return from the other islands, their crews will be given the injection, so that by the end of another two weeks nearly all the men will be permitted to come ashore on arrival.

The boats of the Calabria were out for practice yesterday. Three quite large ones, rigged as schooners, made the trip to the entrance of Pearl Harbor and back to the cruiser. There was a very good wind and the boats sailed very fast. They appeared to be going at a much higher rate of speed than the local small boats make on cruises to the lochs. The Calabria will be coaled today by the Kaimiloa, which spent all day yesterday alongside the Meade. As the transport's coal ports were under water on account of her big cargo, she had to take the 300 tons of coal in baskets over the side. This was very slow work and took considerably longer than was expected. The Meade will get away today for Manila. She will sail soon after the arrival of the Mari-posa.

The yacht Rover was in gala dress yesterday. A reception aboard the little vessel was greatly enjoyed by the guests present and they were all delighted with Mr. and Mrs. Fithian's hospitality.

## Two Innovations.

The electric conveyor and the gasoline hoist both at work on the same dock yesterday caused quite a crowd to collect to watch operations. The hoist has been working several days discharging the St. Katherine and has done fine work. Today there was a bundle of sheet iron plates to be lifted which were very bulky and weighed in the neighborhood of 5000 pounds. There was quite a discussion relative to the gasoline hoist's ability to handle the bundle and some bets were made by the steam donkey engine men that the new comer on the wharf would not be able to carry the weight. It seems that the backers of the hoist knew a good thing and the "steam" money was promptly covered by the gasoline men. The ropes were made fast to the mass of iron, the foreman stevedore blew his whistle, the gasoline engine let forth between a sneeze and a shout and up came the iron plate out of the hold of the St. Katherine like a shot out of a gun. It swung in the air for a moment and was then deposited on the wharf. The gasoline engine had proved itself capable and the donkey engine men will not buck up against new things on the wharf very soon.

The conveyor rigged up to help discharge the St. Francis was started going in the afternoon. It is the invention of Captain McCabe of Seattle, who is here. The machines are in general use in Seattle, Tacoma and Portland and are wonderful in their operation and the amount of work they accomplish. They do the work of twenty men and do it about twenty or thirty per cent faster than men work. Several hundred bales of hay and sacks of flour were unloaded by it yesterday, but it had to be stopped as the freight it discharged could not be removed fast enough from the wharf. The machine was brought here specially to load sugar but, as it is not practicable to use it for this purpose under present conditions, it has been turned into a discharging apparatus.

## High Speed Boats.

Six torpedo-boat destroyers, built for Japan by Yarrow, England, have been completed and delivered within the past eighteen months and have come up fully to the requirements. The boats are identical as to hull and machinery; they are 220 feet in length, 20½ feet beam and displace 360 tons on a draught of 9 feet. The engines, calculated to develop 6000 horsepower, have averaged nearly 7000, and the guaranteed speed of 31 knots during a continuous run of three hours has been exceeded, as will be seen from the following results: Ikaduchi 31.22 knots, Inadama 31.07, Akabono 31.08, Sazanami 31.32, Ooboro 31.262 and Niji 31.15. The latter boat made six runs over the measured mile course on December 21 last, giving an average speed of 31½ knots, the best run. No. 6, being at the rate of 33.707 knots, and the slowest, No. 3, being 28.809 knots. The boat, however, was flying light, drawing 7 feet 10 inches aft and 4 feet 11 inches forward. The armament of these boats is one 12-pounder, five 6-pounders and two torpedo tubes. Schichau at Elbing

and Thornycroft, England, are likewise supplying a number of boats of about the same size to Japan.

## Electric Light and Sailors.

Owing to the intensity of the electric light used on board of men-of-war, men are frequently affected with eye complaints, which in some cases have led to total blindness. It has been observed that eyes in which the iris is not heavily charged with pigments—that is to say, grey and blue eyes—are more likely to be injuriously affected than brown eyes. These eye troubles are ascribed to two causes, namely, the intensity of the light and the action of the ultra-violet rays. Oculists recommend the interposition between the eye and any powerful light of a transparent substance which will intercept the ultra-violet rays, such as, for instance, granum glass, which is yellow. The French naval authorities supply dark blue glasses for the use of those men who have to do with search lights, etc., and the cases in which injury has been caused to the eyes were those of men who had neglected to use these spectacles, which, however, do not appear to afford any protection against the ultra-violet rays.—Golden Penny.

## The First Vessel.

The S. C. Allen was docked at the new quarantine wharf yesterday to discharge her general cargo. She is the first deep water vessel that has been alongside and the men who have been waiting so long are at last happy in having new companions and work to do. As she lays alongside the wharf her bowsprit extends way beyond the Healand bathhouse. As that portion of the wharf towards the sea has not yet been completed a fence has been built across the wharf and the stern of the Allen is flush with the fence. The dredger which encountered some very hard coral has delayed the work of finishing the wharf. It is hoped that by the end of the week the dredging will be completed.

## NOTES.

The Forthbank left for the Sound yesterday in ballast.

The Kaimiloa came in from the Meade last evening. She will take coal to the Calabria today.

The Hall brought 6700 bags of sugar from Kaula. It is being loaded into the Star of Bengal in the stream.

Col. A. S. Berry and Shanks Mosman had an exciting time in a small boat yesterday afternoon on the way in from the Meade.

Several new fangled dump carts arrived on the St. Francis for the Board of Public Works. They greatly resemble a cross between a header wagon and a gang plow.

There was quite a flow of oil on Irmgard wharf yesterday. A great many cases of star oil were found to be leaking when taken from the St. Katherine. A tinsmith soldered the punctures and the oil was shipped to the storehouse.

## POLICE COURT CASES.

Judge Wilcox Handles Another Calendar With Despatch.

Another army of lawbreakers faced Judge Wilcox yesterday morning to receive sentences. Most of them were the Chinese hucksters arrested for selling goods on King street, and a good many of them were sailors who were just ordinary drunks, as they are called in the Police Court.

The Chinese offenders were arrayed in a long line clear across the courtroom and a plea of guilty was entered for them. It was explained to the Judge that the men were small merchants who had lost their all in the great fire and who, upon being discharged from quarantine, had started to earn a living by vending vegetables and fruits on the King street sidewalk near the depot.

As they were ignorant of the law against street vending, and in consideration of their late hard luck, the Deputy Marshal asked that the men be reprimanded and discharged. This was done and the poor Pakes went away wiser men, but troubled as to how or where they could carry on their trades. Kaili, who was caught selling opium, was up for trial yesterday and the case against him for selling opium was nolle prossed. The lesser charge of having opium in possession was entered and Judge Wilcox fined him \$250 and costs. In sentencing Kaili the Judge said that the native had probably been led astray by somebody. He berated him very soundly for betraying his trust as a Government employe, and said that if he thought he was not the tool of somebody else the judgment of the Court would have been much more severe.

Kaalohani, a native woman, was reprimanded and discharged. She pled guilty of selling liquor without a license. It was her first offense and the Judge told her that if she broke her promise "never to do it again" it would go hard with her. In reprimanding her Judge Wilcox said if she was a poor lone widow trying to support herself and a large family by selling gin she would have some sympathy. As she was married and in comfortable circumstances, she had no excuse for breaking the law.

The Falkenberg larceny case took up the best part of the morning and all of the afternoon session. The case for the prosecution was finished, and, as the defense submitted their side of the case on argument without testimony, the Court, after the prosecution had closed, took the matter under advisement. A decision will be rendered this morning.

## Will Live in Honolulu.

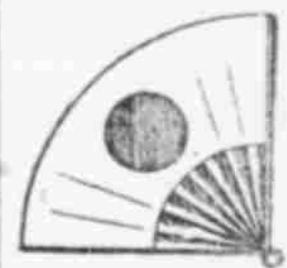
Herbert P. Williams, literary editor of the Boston Herald, who has been here several weeks writing letters about Hawaii to his paper, has become enamored of tropical life and will stay. He sent by the last steamer for his family and furniture. Mrs. Williams, who will soon join him, has filled his responsible post on the Herald in his absence and will be a decided acquisition to the circles of cultivated women in Honolulu. Mr. Williams is a graduate of Harvard and was a working companion of Mr. Whitmarsh, at present The Outlook's Philippine correspondent, during the Cuban war.

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